

## CLASPING WIFE'S PICTURE, A BIBLE BY HIS SIDE, LAWYER TAKES HIS LIFE!

James E. Pearson, Well-Known and Respected, Commits Suicide Leaving a Pathetic Letter Gravely Accusing Himself.

With the picture of his wife clasped to his heart, a Bible in which he had vainly sought to find forgiveness by his side, and a letter in his pocket accusing himself of being a defaulter and a thief, James E. Pearson, a prominent real-estate lawyer, of



JAS. E. PEARSON

Brooklyn, was found in his office today, dead by his own hand.

A rubber tube extending from the chandelier to his mouth as he lay on the lounge in his private room told of the means of suicide, and the undressed, unsigned letter in his hand-writing told of the motive, of the remorse and of the hopelessness which drove him to desperation.

This is the letter:  
"It is no use. I have prayed for death and it doesn't come. Opportunity is given me and I am alone in the office for the first time in three weeks that I have tried to do this. I must not miss the opportunity and my family will be better off without me. Ruined, disgraced and unfit to live."

"All good bye, all. You will despise me, every one, when all is known. I AM A DEFAULTER, THIEF, AND WHERE ALL THE MONEY IS GONE I CANNOT TELL."

"My wife and children left penniless. I have read without hope of relief Jeremiah XL, vs. 1 to 14 inclusive."

"God will care for them perhaps. If I live I cannot help them."

Family Highly Respected.  
Mr. Pearson was the president of the Epworth League in Hempstead, L. I., where he had a handsome residence and where his family was highly respected.

His son, James E. Pearson, Jr., twenty-two years old, entered his father's office soon after the body was found, and, ignorant of his father's fate, strode into the private room.

As he looked down on his father's dead face the shock to the young man, who idolized his parent, was terrible. When young Mr. Pearson had seen his father's letter he said:

"Father did not refer in that to any particular act of dishonesty. He was a thoroughly upright man, but because of



PHOTOGRAPH OF A WOMAN FOUND ON THE BODY OF PEARSON

### VERSE IN THE BIBLE WHICH PROMPTED SUICIDE.

Therefore thus saith the Lord, behold I will bring evil upon them, which they shall not be able to escape; and though they shall cry unto me I will not hearken unto them.—Jeremiah XL, II.

his business losses he was in the habit of saying that in his failure he had stolen from his family what really belonged to them. He never did anything wrong."

The young man was about to enter Columbia Law School in the fall. He is a graduate of Wesleyan University. He has a brother eighteen years old, a sister twenty and a younger sister.

Sued for Fraud.

Motive for Mr. Pearson's suicide may be found in a defeat which came upon him recently.

He was successfully sued with several others by Mrs. Olive S. Day, a former actress, of No. 76 West One Hundred and Thirty-fourth street, who alleged fraud in the transfer on her part of a building in East New York.

James Howe, the janitor of the building, was cleaning the offices preparatory to their occupancy for the day when he noticed a strong odor of gas, and traced it to Mr. Pearson's office.

The outside door was locked, but the janitor opened it with his pass key. He traced the gas to Mr. Pearson's private

room, the door of which was closed but not locked.

Entering the room Howe was almost overcome by the gas, and to his amazement he beheld Mr. Pearson lying dead on the lounge, a rubber tube running from his mouth to the chandelier above. By his side lay an open Bible, and clamped close to his breast was a photograph of his wife in a gold Florentine frame, which he had always kept on his desk.

He at once notified the police, who sent to the Brooklyn Hospital for an ambulance. Surgeon Coffey, who responded, said that Mr. Pearson had been dead for five or six hours. The janitor did not know that Mr. Pearson was in the building.

John H. Pulcher, who shares the office in which Mr. Pearson was a tenant, said to an Evening World reporter: "Mr. Pearson was a thoroughly honest man. He conducted many large estates, one of the largest of which was that of Mrs. Van Vranken at Hempstead. That is probably worth at least \$50,000. There has never been a breath against him personally except in this suit. He was sued by a syndicate which dealt in land in other States, but he was entirely innocent."

Heard in Hempstead.  
Hempstead, June 27.—The news of the suicide of James E. Pearson was received here with profound regret. Mr. Pearson was a country place here for years and had always been prominent. He was recently elected Superintendent of the Hempstead Board of Education. During the last year it is said he lost heavily in real estate transactions. His losses made him a nervous wreck. A payment of \$1,000 which he was to make a few days ago greatly worried him. It is declared as he had no money to meet the obligation. Mr. Pearson was married several years ago to his second wife, who was Miss M. D. D. He was a member of one of Long Island's oldest families.

### ILLNESS CRAZED HER; SHE ENDED HER MISERY.

Crazed by protracted illness, Mrs. Nellie Brandt, wife of a wealthy merchant, killed herself today in her home at No. 114 West One Hundred and Twentieth street by inhaling illuminating gas.

Since last November Mrs. Brandt had been a confirmed invalid. Sickly before that time, she submitted to an operation which left her a nervous wreck. She was placed under the care of Dr. George W. Jacoby, of No. 65 Madison avenue, a noted nerve specialist, and a trained nurse was in constant attendance. Until lately Mrs. Brandt had been unable to leave her bed.

Owing to her recent improvement it was decided, on the advice of her physician, to take her to the Catskills for the summer, and she was to have started today, accompanied by her husband, her four-year-old daughter, a trained nurse and a maid.

Last evening Mrs. Brandt spoke cheerfully with her husband about their plans for the summer. She retired early and seemingly in good spirits.

At 3 o'clock today the trained nurse who slept in the room with Mrs. Brandt awoke and noticed her patient missing from bed. She notified Mr. Brandt and a search of the house was made.

The odor of gas in the hallway was traced to a bathroom in the basement and there Mrs. Brandt's body was found.

She had made careful preparations for death by fastening the rubber tube of a gas stove to the floor, then lay down in the bathtub and put the other end in her mouth.

Her body was warm when found and Dr. Robert Chapman, the family physician, whose home is a few doors away at No. 12 West One Hundred and Twentieth street, was hastily summoned. He pronounced the woman dead.

Policeman Brown was then notified, and word sent to the Coroner.

Mrs. Brandt lived in a luxurious home. Her husband, Richard Brandt, is a wholesale merchant, at No. 125 Front street and No. 8 Wall street. They had been married six years and had a little girl four years old.

KILLS HIMSELF TO JOIN DEAD WIFE HE ADORED.

William Rothfuss, the little man who made trusses and other surgical appliances, at No. 205 East One Hundred and Twenty-second street, was found dead—a suicide—in his store today. He had tried to take the only living thing he loved—a handsome greyhound, Paulina—with him out of the world, but the sagacious animal left the side of his master when the gas, which he had turned on, became suffocating.

### KILLED HIMSELF IN PRESENCE OF HIS FAMILY.

The door he passed Paulina with her nose pressed to a crack at the bottom gasping for air.

Rothfuss lay dead beside his bed. Every outlet for the gas had been closed tight, and eight feet and the feed pipe reached from the range were pouring gas into the room.

Rothfuss was forty-five years old. He was a prosperous and happy man, eight months ago, with a wife he adored and a good business. The wife fell ill with small-pox and died. The forlorn little businessman lost all interest in life after that. He let his business go to smash and his only solace was his dead wife's greyhound, Paulina.

Mrs. Louis Wrangler, his clerk, of No. 225 E. 82nd avenue, said today that when he was ill recently he told her he wanted to die so he and Paulina could go to "Mamma." She was not astonished when told of the suicide.

LABORING UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT HE WAS A HOPELESS VICTIM OF CONSUMPTION, Charles N. Phillips shot himself today in the presence of his wife and two young children. He dropped dead in the arms of his wife.

Phillips was forty years old and an expert accountant. He lived with his family at No. 461 Pacific avenue, Jersey City. Three months ago he lost his position. He had not been able to secure employment since.

While walking about, looking for work, he contracted a severe cold and got the impression that he had consumption. His physician told him that it was only a cold and that his lungs were all right, but Phillips would not believe it.

Today he said to his wife: "Mary, I am no good. I am a sick man and will never be well again. I can't get work, and I think I'll end it all by killing myself."

She begged him not to talk in that way, and his two children, six and eight years old respectively, joined in the plea. An explosion followed, and both were badly burned. They jumped overboard and swam to the shore, a quarter of a mile away. From there they saw their boat burn to the water's edge and sink.

A BRAVE GIRL SAVED HIM FROM SUICIDE'S GRAVE.

David H. Mitchell, who is young and strong, owes it to the intelligence, promptness and agility of a dainty seventeen-year-old girl that he has a chance for a new and better start in the world, instead of a grave among the suicides.

The girl's name is Katie Thompson. She was going about her duties in the

### SPARK FROM PIPE BLOWS UP LAUNCH

Carelessness caused the serious injury of two men today and the total loss of the racing gasoline launch Anitta.

The Anitta was 35 feet, and was valued at \$2,500. She was owned by J. E. Sullivan, White, twenty-four years old, both of South Beach, Staten Island.

The launch, in charge of the owners, left Staten Island this morning for Ulster Park, where they were to take out a racing party. Shortly after the launch reached Ulster Park the gasoline feed-line became clogged up and stopped the engine.

Sullivan was smoking a pipe, and, going up to the engine, he began to fix the engine. In some way a spark from his pipe fell in the gasoline reservoir. An explosion followed, and both men were badly burned. They jumped overboard and swam to the shore, a quarter of a mile away. From there they saw their boat burn to the water's edge and sink.

One of the Owners Was Smoking While Working Around a Gasoline Engine—He and Partner Badly Burned.

Passengers on Segurana.

Among the passengers who arrived today per steamer Segurana, from Genoa, were Santiago and Nassau were: Louis E. Martindale, William Manning, Sydney Langdon, Otto Edwards and Harold Gladstone.

MURDERED BABY FOUND IN RIVER.

Little Body Was Tied with Canvas Strips and Weighted Down with a Heavy Stone—Killed in Manhattan?

Tied tightly about the body of a three-month-old girl baby, which was floating on the tide at the foot of North First street, Williamsburg, today, were strips of canvas to which was attached a heavy stone.

The left side of the head was crushed as it struck by a blunt instrument. The little one had evidently been murdered. The canvas strips were tied one across the arms, another around the thighs and a third around the ankles. A policeman carried the little body to the foot of the river, where it was found. The body had been found in the New York shore, rivermen said.

BOY OF EIGHT IS DECLARED INSANE.

Young Robert McSorley, Son of an Electrician of Corona, L. I., Sent to an Institution for Feeble Minded.

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When we say worth one dollar we mean that the cheapest in the lot is worth it—many in the lot are worth considerably more. A limited quantity only. Enough to last three hours. When you see them you'll not be satisfied with one suit, but you'll want several. Such materials as very fine galatea, colored linens and duck, in a large assortment of colors; sailor blouse style only, handsomely made, elegantly trimmed on collar and shield. We have tested these fabrics and find them absolutely fast color. Sizes 3 to 9. For three hours at.....

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A very large assortment of fine Washable Sailor Blouse Suits, in fabrics of galatea, chambray, chevion and duck, in white and fancy stripes and checks. Blouse made extra full with large sailor collar and silk embroidered shield, every seam is double stitched throughout, with pure Belfast lining; many in the lot worth double; sizes 3 to 9, at.....

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  - Lot 5126—Men's Medium Weight Herringbone Cassimere Suits that were \$14, now 7.00
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  - Lot 4402—Men's Stylish Steel Gray and Blue Worsteds that were \$16, now 8.00
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  - Lot 4318—Men's Gray Striped Worsteds that were 10.00
  - Lot 2879—Men's White Duck Trousers that were \$1, now 65c
  - Lot 756—Men's linen Crash Trousers, all sizes, that were \$1.50, now 73c
  - Lot 8219—Men's Cassimere Worked Pants that were \$2.25, now 1.10
  - Lot 2432—Men's Striped Worsteds Dress Trousers that were \$2.50, now 1.15
  - Lot 6696—Men's striped Flannel Trousers, with wide turn-up bottoms, that were \$3, now 1.45
  - Lot 1010—Men's Black Alpaca Coats, very light weight, that were \$1.50, now 85c
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